GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

ITE&C Dept – e-Gov – National e-Governance Awards Scheme 2026 – Constitution of Screening Committee for National e-Governance Awards Scheme 2026 – Orders – Issued.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS & COMMUNICATIONS (e-Gov) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER:

National Awards for e-Governance, 2026 (NAeG, 2026) aims to identify areas of significant outcome-oriented performance by Districts/ Centre/States in identified categories. The Awards seek to recognize the best performing Ministries/Departments of Central Government/States/UTs; Districts and local bodies; Academic/Research Institutions (Government and Non- Government) and Startups in facilitating implementation of new initiatives and bringing transparency by use of technology.

2. To fast-track the adoption of digital governance, the **National Awards for e-Governance 2026 (NAeG 2026)** will honor outstanding achievements in the **implementation of innovative e-Governance initiatives**. These awards aim to recognize efforts that have significantly accelerated the deployment of technologies, projects, or programs that enhance public service delivery, transparency, and citizen engagement.

3. Criteria for Evaluation

The initiative will be evaluated on the following criteria:

i. Initiating and implementing an innovative project to meet stakeholders' requirement through use of ICT.
ii. Use of technology in bringing perceptible improvement in processes/ systems.
iii. Making public delivery systems responsive, transparent and efficient particularly by leveraging technology
iv. Bringing significant improvement/enhancement by use of technology
v. Innovations / integration / intervention of technology / of the best performing Centre/State/District in a particular field/ project/program or area. The criteria for evaluation will be designed during the assessment process.

4. Categories of awards

S. No.	Award Category	Scope of Award	Who Can Apply/Compete	Period of Consideration
I	**Government Process Re-engineering by use of technology for Digital Transformation** **i. Central level initiatives** **ii. State /UT level initiatives** **(Total 04 Awards -01 Gold and 01 Silver for Central Level Initiatives, and -01 Gold and 01 Silver for State/UT Level Initiatives)**	This award seeks to recognize innovative projects that involve analysis and re-design of workflow and have resulted in improvement in outcomes related to efficiency, effectiveness of process, cost, quality, service delivery, data analytics or a combination of these through a dashboard/an application including mobile Application. The impact of the re-engineering process should be a significant digital Transformation. The initiative should reflect the convergence and integration of the processes resulting in visible improvement.	i. Central Ministries /Departments ii. State/UT Governments	The launch date of the project should be between 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2025. The project must be fully commissioned and operational as on 01.12.2025.

S. No.	Award Category	Scope of Award	Who Can Apply/Compete	Period of Consideration
II	**Innovation by Use of AI and other new age technologies for providing Citizen- Centric Services** **i. Central level initiatives** **ii. State / UT level initiatives** **iii. Startups / Academia/Research & Development Organizations** **(Total 03 Awards:** **- 01 Gold for Central Level Initiatives and** **- 01 Gold for State/UT Level Initiatives and -01 Gold for Startups/Research & Development Organizations)**	This award recognizes innovative projects that leverage AI and other new age technologies to enhance the delivery of citizen-centric services. The focus is on the creative application of AI and other new age technologies to streamline processes, improve user experience, and provide more efficient, personalized, and accessible public services. The solution should lead to tangible improvements in service delivery, accessibility, responsiveness, or transparency, contributing to a more inclusive and digitally empowered society.	I. Central Ministries/ Departments II. State/UT Governments III. Academia, Research & Development Organizations and Startups (as defined by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India) Notificationdated19.02.2019 (https://dpiit.gov.in/sites/default/files/notification_Definition_StartupIndia_06July2021. pdf)	The launch date of the project should be between 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2025 The project must be fully commissioned and operational as on 01.12.2025.

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III	**Best e-Gov. Practices/ Innovation in Cyber Security** **i. Central level initiatives/ State / UT level initiatives Startups/ Academia/ Research & Development Organizations** **(Total 03 Awards : - 01 Gold and 02 Silvers for Central/ State/UT/Startups /Academia/ Research & Development Organizations)**	This award aims to recognize groundbreaking projects that have significantly enhanced cybersecurity measures, resulting in improved protection against cyber threats. The innovation should focus on advanced technologies, methods or processes that bolster the security infrastructure and to lead substantial improvements in safeguarding systems, networks, or data, contributing to the overall resilience and digital security of the organization. The Startups/Academia/ R&D Institutions should present their exemplary research done in the field of use of Cyber Security in e-Governance for the benefit of citizens.	I. Central Ministries/ Departments, State/UT Governments, Startups, Academia and Research & Development Organizations	The launch date of the project should be between 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2025. The project must be fully commissioned and operational as on 01.12.2025.
IV	**District Level Initiatives in e-Governance** **(Total 02 Awards - 01 Gold and 01 Silver for District/ ULB initiatives)**	This award seeks to recognize the district level e-Governance projects covering the area of redressal of Public Grievances and has resulted in delivering services to citizens through effective use of ICT in the Districts.	Districts/ Urban local bodies (ULBs)	The launch date of the project should be between 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2025. The project must be fully commissioned and operational as on 01.12.2025.

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V	Grassroots Level Initiatives by Gram Panchayats or equivalent Traditional Local Bodies for Deepening/ Widening of Service Delivery (Total 02 Awards - 01 Gold and 01 Silver for Gram Panchayats or equivalent Traditional Local Bodies)	This award seeks to recognize gram panchayat level e-governance projects covering public grievance redressal and service delivery to citizens through effective use of ICT in the Panchayat Area and PRIs.	Gram Panchayats or equivalent Traditional Local Bodies	The launch date of the project should be between 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2025. The project must be fully commissioned and operational as on 01.12.2025.
VI	**Replication and Scaling of Nationally Awarded and Mission-Mode e-Governance Projects by States/ UTs/ Districts** **(Total 01 Award –0 1 Gold for State/UT level initiatives /District level initiatives)**	This category recognizes exemplary efforts by States/UTs, and Districts in replicating and scaling up successful, nationally awarded projects, including NAeG, Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence and other central ministries awards, as well as mission-mode initiatives with e-Governance components. It includes models from flagship missions like Jal Jeevan Mission (SCADA), Smart Cities (ICCC), and AMRUT. The aim is to promote adoption of proven digital governance solutions that enhance public service delivery, citizen experience, and administrative efficiency across regions.	I. State/UT Governments II. District and Local Bodies	The launch date of the project should be between 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2025. The project must be fully commissioned and operational as on 01.12.2025.

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VII	**Digital transformation by use of data analytics in digital platforms by Central Ministries/States/ UTs** **(Total 01 Award - 01 Gold for Central/State/UT level Initiatives)**	This award seeks to recognize exemplary efforts in e Governance initiatives with a view to upgradation of IT in states/UT/Central Ministry and owing to the importance of data in present scenario to give recognition and encourage the innovative use of data and retrieval of data in government functioning	I. Central Ministries/ Departments/ State/UT Governments	The launch date of the project should be between 01.10.2023 - 30.09.2025. The project must be fully commissioned and operational as on 01.12.2025.

Note: In respect of Category V the applications in respect of Gram Panchayat/ will be sent by State after following due process for selection of best performing panchayat of the State. The applications from the States will be subsequently screened by a separate screening committee under MoPR.

5. There will be a total 16 awards under 7 categories of Award Scheme.

5.1 The National e-Governance Award, 2026 shall consist of **10 Gold Awards 6 Silver Awards,** as per details given below:

5.1.1 Gold Award: The Gold Awards shall consist of (i) a trophy, (ii) a certificate and (iii) incentive of Rs.10.00 Lakh to be awarded to the Department/Organization/ Institution to be utilized for implementation of project/programme or bridging gaps in any area of Public Welfare and a certificate for each team member not exceeding four in number (including Project Head).

5.1.2 Silver Award: The Silver Awards shall consist of (i) a trophy, (ii) a certificate and (iii) incentive of Rs.5.00 Lakh to be awarded to Department/Organization/ Institution to be utilized for implementation of project/programme or bridging gaps in any area of Public Welfare and a certificate for each team member not exceeding four in number (including Project Head).

6. Project Screening Committee

i. The project must be new and a path-breaking initiative in public service.
ii. **A project can compete only for one category, and the category for which it is competing should be clearly mentioned.**
iii. At the time of submission of nominations for the **NAeG, 2026**, the award category under which the submission is made may be indicated.
iv. All nominations should be submitted online within the stipulated date.
v. Only the incumbent Head of the Organization may register and submit online application(s).
vi. The application must reflect the organization's email ID / individual email ID.
vii. Individual Nominations/self-nominations shall not be accepted.
viii. Nominations received after the last date will not be accepted under any circumstances. **Further, email / Hard Copies/fax of the application forms will NOT be accepted.**
ix. Details furnished would need to be comprehensive and cover the specified aspects of the initiative undertaken, including the team members who are working/have worked for the project. No changes or requests for change, i.e., addition or replacement of names, will be considered at a later stage or any other stage of the award process.
x. The project must relate to any of the areas of poverty reduction and economic development, social services, education, health, rural and community development,

environmental management, transportation, housing, urban governance and regional planning, land use management/GIS, disaster and risk management, grievance redressal, trade practices, commerce, business development and any such other domains of governance.

xi. Besides leveraging on ICT, the projects implemented would need to showcase effective use of infrastructure, partnership with the local community, leadership practices, simplification of processes, strategic architectures, best practices in the design, development, deployment of solutions using technology, innovative people- centric approach, and such other effective interventions.

xii. Diligence in the design, development and implementation of solutions, persistent problem solving, efforts to create and sustain systemic changes, institutionalize best practices, gain community/ stakeholder acceptance, discontinuance of inefficient administrative practices, ingenious people-centric approach would need to be clearly brought out.

xiii. Verification of the ownership of all shortlisted projects shall be carried out before finalizing results. Supporting details should be made available by the Project-in- Charge.

xiv. **The decision of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India, in selecting the project/ initiative for the National Award for e-Governance, 2026, shall be final and binding on all the nominations.**

xv. **Incomplete submissions n o t complying with the directions/guidelines detailed herein would not be considered.**

xvi. **Applications received may be rejected at any stage of the evaluation process.**

xvii. **Applications with incomplete information will be rejected.**

7. The Government hereby accords approval for the constitution of the Project Screening Committee with the roles and responsibilities as detailed above. The Committee shall meet on October 6, 2025, and October 13, 2025, to evaluate and provide its recommendations on the projects submitted by the Secretaries and District Collectors, for subsequent submission on the NCeG portal by October 15, 2025.

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1	Special Chief Secretary (**GPM** & **AR**)	Sri S. S. Rawat, IAS
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(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

BHASKAR KATAMNENI
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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1. The Special Chief Secretary (GPM & AR), GAD.
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